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MAY MILK PRICES INCREASED FROM APRIL

Prices received by New York producers for milk sold during May were up from a month earlier, according to Stephen Ropel, Director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Field Office. The price of apples increased also. The price of corn, wheat, and hay decreased. The price of potatoes was unchanged. Many previous month prices were revised due to more complete sales information.

Dairy farmers in the Empire State received an average of \$15.90 per hundredweight of milk sold during May, up 40 cents from April and \$3.20 more than May a year ago.

Grain corn, at \$3.83 per bushel, was down 7 cents from April and down 77 cents from last year. Wheat, at \$4.74 per bushel, was down 23 cents from April and down 30 cents from May a year ago. Hay averaged \$94 per ton, down \$12 from April and \$16 lower than prices received May 2009. Potatoes averaged \$13.70 per hundredweight, unchanged from April but down \$2.10 from last year at this time. Apples, at 20.6 cents per pound, increased 0.6 cents from April but were 3.3 cents lower than last year.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in May, at 141 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 3 points (2.2 percent) from April. The Crop Index is up 1 point (0.7 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 4 points (3.1 percent). Producers received higher prices for lettuce, broilers, hogs, and strawberries and lower prices for onions, eggs, sweet corn, and tomatoes. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of sweet corn, broilers, grapes, and wheat offset decreased marketings of cattle, milk, apples, and corn. The information in this release is available by free email subscription by subscribing to New York reports at www.nass.usda.gov/ny.

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